



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy (LGMD) is characterized by a group of genetic, neuromuscular diseases that cause weakness of the muscles in the arms and legs; and
- WHEREAS: More than 30 subtypes of LGMD disorders have been identified; and
- WHEREAS: LGMD affects both males and females and symptoms may begin in childhood, adolescence, or adulthood; and
- WHEREAS: Individuals affected by LGMD often experience problems such as diagnosis delay, difficulty finding a medical expert, and a lack of access to treatments or ancillary services; and
- WHEREAS: Many patients affected by LGMD and their families are the driving force for greater public awareness to support the search for treatments; and
- WHEREAS: A global collaborative of foundations, organizations and individuals living with LGMD have organized a day of awareness for Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy on September 30, 2018; and
- WHEREAS: Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Day will provide an opportunity for patients, caregivers, medical professionals, researchers and others to share experiences and information with the general public regarding LGMD in order to better support those affected and further efforts to find both a treatment and a cure; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 30, 2018, as LIMB-GIRDLE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Rely*  
CHIEF OF STAFF